Colorado for Family Values

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COLORADO FOR FAMILY VALUES APPOINTS DR. PAUL JESSEN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO LEAD UPCOMING PUSH

Colorado Springs - Colorado for Family Values (CFV) has appointed Springs-area pastor and teacher, Dr. Paul Jessen, as its new Executive Director. "Dr. Jessen carries not only impeccable credentials as a leader and communicator," said CFV board chairman Will Perkins, "but has a real fervor for defending family values. We're thrilled to have him on our team, and we're excited about the future his leadership will bring."

Dr. Jessen served as a Foursquare Gospel pastor in Oregon and California and now serves here in Colorado Springs at Restoration Fellowship Foursquare Church. He serves the broader community as a volunteer Chaplain for the Colorado Springs Police Department. He is also a member of the Colorado Springs Association of Evangelicals.

Dr. Jessen has nearly thirty years' experience as a teacher of communications and leadership strategy. His degrees include a Ph.D. in communications, a Master's degree in speech communications, and a Master of Divinity degree in theology. He also has a decade of experience in dealing with community concerns.

The appointment signals a new level of activity by Colorado for Family Values. "Despite the media blackout on this issue," said Jessen, "the threats to traditional values are as numerous and widespread today as those in 1991 which provoked Amendment 2. This organization, which through its supporters remains as strong and determined as ever, stands poised to engage these threats in a major way, which will be energetic and decisive but also civil and compassionate."

Longtime CFV spokesman and leader Will Perkins will remain board chairman and active in the organization.

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- Hate crime law attacks our freedom of speech
- compares homosexuals to liars, cheaters, fornicators, adulterers, gossipers
- difference: homosexuals trying to get everyone else to affirm their lifestyle
- Haters want laws protect

Hate crimes laws and ~~without~~ homosexuals seek to take away Freedom of
- speech
- religion
- association (or non-association)
-

tantrum thrown by opponents of AZ

- will be civil + compassionate

- "I could be arrested and thrown in jail for what I just said if the Hate Crimes Bill passed"

— Paul Jesser

- Extremism
- impeaching supreme ct justices
- ~~Perano~~ paranoia end-times
- anti-Free speech

In Longbeach, CA Jesser lead coalition that
- opposed domestic partnership 3x successful